

Iron County Register.

By E. D. AKE.
IRONTON, MISSOURI.

The transport Hancock which sailed from San Francisco, on the 25th, for Manila, carried Adj. Gen. Corbin and a distinguished company of military men and a number of school teachers.

The Louisiana Purchase World's Fair national commission formally approved the site selected at St. Louis, formulated a statement of its duties and adjourned subject to call of the chairman.

Final arrangements were made, on the 25th, for the fifth annual convention of the American Live Stock association and the second annual Live Stock exposition, which will be held in Chicago December 3 to 6 inclusive.

Warrants were issued by the treasury department, on the 26th, in favor of Rear-Admiral Wm. T. Sampson for \$3,330 and Capt. French E. Chadwick for \$666 for their shares of prize money decreed them by the court of claims.

Prince Chun, brother of the emperor of China, who has been selected to proceed to Berlin and there formally apologize for the murder at Peking in June last, of Baron Von Kettler, the German minister to China, sails for Europe July 30.

The Forty-third regiment, the last of the volunteers to leave the Philippines, arrived at San Francisco, on the 27th, on the transport Kilpatrick, 23 days from Manila. The Forty-third was in the Philippines 15 months, seeing much service.

Charlesmar Tower, the United States ambassador to Russia, and Mrs. Tower, arrived in St. Petersburg, on the 27th, from France, in order to attend the christening of the Grand Duchess Anastasia, fourth daughter of the czar and czarina.

During the debate on the army reorganization bill in the house of lords, on the 28th, Lord Wolsley, the former commander-in-chief of the British forces, declared that the United States army was the finest of its size in the world, which, he said, was due to good wages.

At the meeting of the Yale Alumni association at New Haven, Conn., on the 25th, resolutions were adopted addressed to Secretary Hay expressing pride in the achievements of his son Adelbert, in the public service "which reflect such credit upon the university and the country."

There was a charity fete, on the 27th, at the Petit Trianon, in Paris, made famous by Marie Antoinette. The fete was organized by the countess de Castellane and other society ladies, who, attired in rustic costumes of the period, reproduced scenes from the life of Marie Antoinette.

A big business consolidation has been effected at Sioux City, Ia., by which the Sioux City Gas company and the Sioux City Electric company have been consolidated under the title of the Sioux City Gas and Electric Co., with a capital stock of \$15,000,000. The incorporators are Sioux City men.

At Eldorado, Kas., on the 27th, Jessie Morrison was found guilty of manslaughter in the second degree, for the killing of Mrs. Olin Castle. The penalty is not more than five years or less than three years in the penitentiary. One of Miss Morrison's lawyers immediately filed a notice of appeal.

Many of the first class mechanics working in the Northern Pacific railroad shops had a genuine surprise on the 26th, when each received a personal notification of an increase in wages. It was granted by the company of its own free will, and without any request whatever on the part of the men.

As an outcome of an altercation which they had in the high court (see note), during the recent deliberation after the close of the trial of the Marquis de Lur-Saluces, Senators Le Prestov-Delouany and Aucoin fought a duel with pistols near Paris, on the 27th. Two shots were exchanged without results.

Dr. Robert Koch, the German bacteriologist; Professors Von Leyden and Fraenkel, and about one hundred German hygienists and specialists will attend the tuberculosis congress to be held in London July 23 to 26. Dr. Koch will relate before the congress the startling results he has recently achieved with tuberculin.

Frank J. Ostrander, of Wyandotte, Kas., on the 26th, was given a parole pardon by Gov. Stanley as a reward for courage and services in the recent coal mine mutiny at the Kansas penitentiary. Ostrander climbed half way up the shaft and reached the carriage. He was then pulled up, and informed the officers of the condition of affairs.

The Association of Military Surgeons of the United States this year will offer the Enno Sander gold medal valued at \$100, for the best essay on "The Most Practicable Organization of the Medical Department of the United States Army for Active Service." The competition is open to all persons eligible to membership in the association.

Late accounts from the scene of the floods in the West Virginia coal fields indicate that the early reports of loss of life and destruction of property were very greatly exaggerated. Instead of \$2,000,000, \$500,000 is now stated as the estimated property loss, while the human life is variously stated, the lower figure being less than a score.

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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The delegates to the North American Saengerfest at Buffalo, N. Y., decided, on the 26th, to meet in St. Louis in 1903, where that city will hold its great exposition.

At the Yale alumni dinner, on the 26th, it was announced that the \$2,000,000 required as the amount of the bicentennial fund had all been provided, the principal new pledges being Frederick Vanderbilt and James J. Hill, of New York, and Matthew Borden, of Fall River, Mass.

Official business at the cabinet meeting, on the 25th, gave way to expressions of sympathy with Secretary Hay in his bereavement.

A German firm has secured the contract for the electric lighting of Peking.

At Seattle, Wash., on the 27th, the coroner's jury entered a verdict that William L. Meredith was murdered by John J. Connelley, assisted by Tom Connelley. Warrants were issued charging both the Connelleys with murder.

A dispatch from Rome, on the 27th, announced the pope to be seriously ill, and said that his attending physician did not leave the pontiff's bedside. Vatican officials were anxious concerning the pope's health.

Gen. Maximo Gomez sailed from Havana for New York, on the 26th, by way of Tampa, Fla., accompanied by the private secretary of Gov. Gen. Wood.

The governors of the New York stock exchange voted, on the 26th, not to close the exchange on July 5 and 6.

At a meeting of the Harvard Alumni association at Cambridge, Mass., on the 26th, Hon. John D. Long was elected president.

A portrait of Louisa, Lady Manners, afterwards countess of Dysart, by Soppner, was sold at auction, in London, on the 27th, for 14,750 guineas.

Max Kershaw, formerly of Denver, and who at one time was one of Yale's best-known athletes, died in San Francisco, on the 27th, aged 29 years.

The secretary of the treasury, on the 27th, purchased \$200,000 short-term four-per-cent. bonds at 113.913.

Boer invaders, under Malan, and Smit, about three thousand strong, attacked Richmond, Cape Colony, early on the morning of the 25th. The town was defended by a detachment of the North Staffordshire militia under Capt. Hawkshaw and the town guard. After a fight lasting 12 hours the Boers withdrew.

The Seventh national bank of New York city was placed in the hands of a temporary receiver by the controller of the currency, on the 27th, because of the indebtedness of a borrower, approximately \$1,600,000, secured by doubtful collateral.

La Lucha (Havana), referring editorially to the annexation movement, warns its agitators to proceed slowly, saying premature action will prove harmful to themselves and that their efforts should be saved for that time in the future when the problem of annexation comes up.

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The jury at Springfield, O., in the case of George W. Thatcher, charged with forging the name of the late millionaire, P. P. Mast, to notes aggregating \$296,000, returned a verdict of acquittal.

While Alfred Norlin, the county treasurer, was working in his office in the courthouse, at Minden, Neb., on the night of the 27th, some one entered and knocked him senseless, and, after rifling his pockets and the money drawer, set fire to the building.

The grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of Abraham Lincoln, in Spencer county, Ind., is at last marked by a creditable monument. It has just been completed and is now ready to turn over to the commission created by the last general assembly.

Thomas G. Barker, who shot Rev. John Keller, and who was found guilty by a jury at Jersey City, N. J., was sentenced, on the 27th, to five years' imprisonment and to pay the costs of the trial.

As a result of the breaking of a temporary platform built on a scaffolding inside and bridging the top of a monstrous tank in the Eastern elevator at Buffalo, N. Y., six men fell a distance of 80 feet. Four were killed, one instantly, and the others died within a few hours. Another is not expected to live.

There arrived at Ashcroft, B. C., on the 27th, a gold brick weighing 1,000 pounds, representing the greater portion of the year's clean up of the Cariboo Mining Co.

All the flint glass factories of the country operated under the scales of the American Flint Glass Workers' union, closed down, on the 25th, for periods ranging from four weeks to two months. Fully forty thousand men and boys will enjoy the customary summer vacation.

At Christie's auction rooms in London, on the 28th, a pair of small Louis XV. cabinets, with brass mounts, and executed by Caffieri, which were formerly the property of the duke of Devon, were sold at auction for £15,300.

Miss Minnie A. Stoner, dean of the woman's department and professor of domestic science in the Kansas State Agricultural college, has been elected professor of domestic science in the Ohio state university.

The Meteor, with Emperor William on board, won the yacht race in Lubeck bay on the 30th.

On the 28th K. G. Dun & Co. reported: "Failures for the week numbered 204 in the United States, against 207 for the corresponding week last year, and 23 in Canada, against 21 last year."

The secretary of the treasury, on the 28th, bought \$151,000 short-term five-per-cent. bonds at 109.709; \$97,340 three at 109.9601, and \$1,500 four at 113.9187.

During a storm, on the 28th, lightning killed four men, all of whom leave large families, who were at work harvesting in a wheat field on the J. C. Halbert farm, near Lodi, Ind. The president on the 28th, disposed of 33 pardon cases. Several applications were denied and others granted to restore civil rights. In a number of cases pardons for minor offenses were granted, and the sentences in others were commuted to shorter terms.

The statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, issued on the 28th, showed: Available cash balance, \$173,733,135; gold, \$98,092,125.

The navy department, on the 28th, gave out a statement to the effect that it is ready to give every encouragement to the naval militia. This was called forth by reports that the department had decided to abandon the militia.

A fire at Tsarsitsin, a fortified town in the government of Saratov, Russia, on the 28th, consumed several sawmills, 24 timber-laden barges and the timber depots and quays on the Volga. The damage is placed at 5,000,000 roubles, and it is reported that several lives were lost in the fire.

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LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Judge W. A. Woods, of the United States district court, dropped dead at 12:20 on the morning of the 29th, at his home in Indianapolis, Ind.

At Green Bay, Wis., about seven o'clock on the evening of the 28th, doing thousands of dollars' worth of damage, "The new Norwegian hospital, in course of erection, was wrecked."

It is claimed that there is an "insanity trust" in Indianapolis, Ind., the members of which stand ready to testify to any patient's insanity for a consideration. Great indignation has been aroused by the exposure.

Mr. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is dangerously ill at his home in Washington, as a result of a fall from a trolley car as he was returning home from a ride with his daughters.

Senator Patterson, of Ohio, one of the severest Pan-American commissioners, who is arranging for the dedication of the state building on July 15, says that President McKinley will visit the exposition on that occasion.

A terrific storm swept over St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., on the afternoon of the 28th doing an immense amount of damage. Duluth, New Richmond, Star Prairie and other points in the state felt the force of the storm.

Fire Commissioner John J. Scannell of New York city, Boss Croker's right hand man, was indicted by the grand jury, on the 28th, for malfeasance in office. He was also indicted jointly with William L. Marks for conspiracy.

St. Mary's Catholic church at Huntington, Ind., was struck by lightning and destroyed on the 28th. It was valued at \$50,000. At Velpin, Pike county, ten buildings were unroofed and one stone building demolished. No lives were lost so far as known.

While seated under a tree during a sharp thunderstorm at Meriden, Conn., on the 28th, Fred Lee, of Southington, and his young bride were struck by lightning. Mr. Lee was instantly killed and his wife was so stunned, that her life is despaired of.

The Louisiana Purchase World's Fair national commission, on the 28th, approved the selection of the Forest park site for the World's fair at St. Louis, adopted a report of the judicial committee in detail, and the powers and duties of the commission under the law creating the body, and adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman.

Lansing, Ia., bids fair to become famous for the many fine pearls found there. One recently sold for \$1,800. It was found by an old Swede named Benson on a clam beach which produced the famous Queen Marie about a month ago, and although weighing less, 60 grains, is a much finer and more valuable gem.

Marquis Tseng, at Shanghai, received a dispatch on the 30th, from Sian Fu to the effect that the empress dowager of China, fearing a trap to capture her, declines to return to Peking, and has notified the grand council that the future capital will be K'ai-Feng-Fu, in the Province of Ho Nan.

The United States training ship Hartford, Commander J. H. Hawley, arrived at Copenhagen on the 30th. The navy department reserved for her the best berth during her two weeks' visit. The crown prince regent entertained the officers of the Hartford at dinner.

During a severe rain and electric storm at Winona, Minn., on the 30th, lightning struck the Young Ladies' seminary, damaging the roof; the Lake street bridge was set on fire, but was saved; some cows were killed, and the boy herdsman stunned. He will recover.

Mrs. Eliza Rogers Potter, wife of Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter, Protestant Episcopal bishop of New York, died suddenly, on the 30th, at the family residence in New York city. Mrs. Potter's death was due to heart failure superinduced by the intensely hot weather.

According to the Vienna correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, a conflict has occurred between Mussulmen and Christians at Trieste, on the Albanian-Montenegrin frontier, ten Christians being killed and many others wounded.

Rev. Dr. Byron Sunderland, of Washington, D. C., died at Catskill, N. Y., on the 30th, from a blood clot on the brain. His demise occurred at the home of his son-in-law, Orrin Day, president of the Tanners' national bank.

It is asserted in St. Petersburg that M. De Witte, the Russian finance minister, will leave that capital for Manchuria during July.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

The Big Red Apple.

"Unless my judgment is at fault, we will turn out one of the largest apple crops in southwest Missouri this year we have ever produced," said James T. Bradshaw, of West Plains, to a St. Louis reporter. "The big red apple will be bigger and redder than usual and the crop—miles and miles of trees in the orchards of southwest Missouri are putting out fruit. There is danger of the drought, of blight and other things an apple man has to contend with, but it looks as if we would again ship apples to the London market next winter. The fruit experiment station at Mountain Grove has done much to improve the method of handling trees and fruit in that locality. There is plenty of room for expansion in this, however. There are hundreds of good orchards throughout the state which need scientific attention. They practically get none, and the result has been that many orchards that might have borne abundance of fruit are slowly dying out. I believe it would be a splendid plan for the state to send a fruit demonstrator, or expert, over the country to teach horticulturists what application of science to trees will do for them. Thousands of dollars would be saved annually and three-fourths of the orchards which are now dying out could be brought back to life to become good bearing trees again."

In the extreme northern counties corn is growing finely, oats and meadows have improved considerably in many places, pastures are generally good and minor crops are doing well; elsewhere the outlook is extremely discouraging. In a few of the central and southern counties corn is making good progress and looks well, but in most counties of those sections, while standing the drought better than any other crop, its condition is far from satisfactory, and in many counties it is suffering severely. In a number of the southern counties it is also being seriously injured by chinch bugs. In the central and southeastern counties some fields have been laid by. Except in the extreme northern counties, and in a few localities in the eastern sections, there has been no improvement in the general condition of oats and meadows, pastures are burning up, and complaints of a scarcity of water are becoming more general. Considerable stock is being shipped to market on account of the scarcity of pasture and water. Wheat cutting is generally completed in the southern, and is in progress in the northern counties. In many localities the yield will be the best for some years. Stacking and threshing has commenced in the southern sections. Oat cutting has commenced in the southwestern counties. Cotton, in the southeastern counties, is making excellent progress, and is beginning to bloom, but will need rain soon. In portions of Pemissock, however, the stand is not good. In Taney county the crop is suffering for rain. Melons are doing finely in Dunklin county. Some tobacco has been set in Putnam county, and is doing well. There is no improvement in the condition of flax. Early potatoes promise well in some districts, but in general the crop will be very light. Apples continue dropping to a considerable extent, and there is also some complaint that peaches are dropping. Blackberries are rapidly drying up. A. E. HACKETT, Section Director.

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Recent Deaths.

Webster Withers, aged 60, a prominent capitalist, at his home in Kansas City, of Bright's disease. He was a surveyor of the port of Kansas City during President Cleveland's second term and in 1899 was made one of the receivers of the Kansas City. Pittsburgh & Gulf railroad.

Mrs. George Gillilan, a prominent member of the Woman's Relief corps, of Hannibal, after a long illness, aged 38.

Drowned While Bathing.

Charles Cox Morris, the 11-year-old son of C. M. Morris, postmaster at Trenton, was drowned at South park, a pleasure resort near Trenton. The boy, in company with a number of children, was in bathing, and he became cramped. The lad was employed in the Tribune office by his father, who is editor, and was a bright boy. He was known by members of the Missouri Press association, as he attended several of the association's meetings.

An Old Horse Thief.

Willis Hill, the most notorious horse thief in the state, was arrested about eighteen miles west of Marshall, by Constable Ben Rollins and lodged in jail. Hill has served five terms in the penitentiaries for horse stealing. He is 67 years old, and has been engaged in his nefarious business since the early eighties, having victims all over the state.

Adopt One-Degree System.

Beginning with September, 1901, the one degree system will be in vogue in the academic department at the state university of Missouri. This plan means that only one degree—that of bachelor of arts (A. B.)—will hereafter be granted to students of the academic department upon completion of the undergraduate courses of the university.

Train Delayed by Heat.

The intense heat caused the expansion of the rails at point between Palmyra and Henneswell to such an extent that it was necessary to shorten the rails five inches before they could be gotten back in place. A train was delayed an hour.

Killed by a Freight Train.

Richard B. Creecy, aged 22, son of Capt. E. P. Creecy, one of the oldest officers on the St. Louis police force, was run over and killed by a Frisco freight train, near Bourbon. He was a brakeman.

Prisoners Broke Jail.

Sam Conn, charged with horse stealing, and William Bartlett, charged with burglary, saved their way through bars and escaped from jail at Oregon.

Garrett Trial in November.

The trial of Dr. W. L. and W. P. Garrett, father and son, for murder, has been continued, at Butler, Bates county, until November term.

Removed Their Coats in Church.

Rev. Frank G. Tyrrell, of Mount Cabanne Christian church, St. Louis, permitted men of his congregation to remove their coats during service.

Died at Ninety-Three.

Mrs. Wilhelmnia Klivits, aged 93, died in St. Louis. Two weeks previous she fell and broke her leg. She had been a widow since 1852.

Shooting at Joplin.

William Moore, manager of the S. C. Henderson Grocery Co., of Joplin, Mo., shot and fatally wounded in a fight with Wilkins Taylor.

Charged With a Killing.

George and Leonard Wright, farmers in the vicinity of St. Joseph, have been indicted for murder for the shooting of Claude Baker.

A Missouri Boy.

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MISSOURI CROP REPORT.

With the Exception of in the Two Northern Tier of Counties the Outlook is Discouraging.

Columbia, Mo., June 25.—The United States department of agriculture, climate and crop bulletin of the weather bureau, Missouri section, for the week ending June 24, 1901, says: "The week just closed has been the warmest of the season, the mean temperature ranging from 5 to 8 degrees above the normal. Maximum temperatures of 100 degrees and above occurred at many points in the central and southern counties on the 23d and 24th. Copious showers have fallen in most of the extreme northern counties, and in a few scattered localities in other sections, but over nearly all that portion of the state south of the two northern tiers of counties the rainfall was too light to be of any benefit, and the drought continues with increased severity."

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Will Be Tried by the Peers.

The Grand Jury of the Old Bailey Court indicts Earl Russell for Bigamy.

London, June 26.—In the Old Bailey court the grand jury returned a true bill against Earl Russell for bigamy, and the recorder announced that the trial would take place in the house of lords.

The action of the court in making absolute the decree nisi obtained in December, 1900, by George John Somerville in his divorce suit against his wife, in which Earl Russell was made co-respondent, was a purely legal formality.

SET SAIL FOR THE ORIENT.

The transport Hancock, with Adj. Gen. Corbin and several other Notables Has Sailed.

New Cotton Oil Syndicate.

New York, June 26.—Papers were filed in Trenton, N. J., Monday, incorporating the United Cotton Oil Co. with a capital stock of \$12,000,000. This is a new organization in the cotton oil business, and is believed to be a consolidation of the Southern Cotton with a number of other concerns.

The South African War.

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Sympathy for Secretary Hay.

Washington, June 26.—Official business at the cabinet meeting yesterday, gave way to expressions of sympathy with Secretary Hay in his bereavement.

Fatality at a Fire.

St. Louis, June 26.—During an early morning fire in thickly-peopled tenements on Morgan street, fully three hundred lives were, for a time, imperiled. Many were forced to leap from windows to save their lives, and in doing so Mrs. Anna Zola was killed and two children badly injured. The property loss amounted to \$15,000.

Bubonic Plague in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, June 26.—During the week ending June 22, there were 150 new cases and 123 deaths from the bubonic plague.

An Unique Feature.

St. Louis, June 26.—One of the features of the Fourth of July parade in St. Louis will be the appearance in the same carriage, as guests of the occasion, of Judge Leo Ransier, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Capt. Frank Gannine, commander of the United Confederate Veterans of Missouri.

Cardinal Gibbons.

Florence, June 26.—Cardinal Gibbons started from here to Milan yesterday afternoon.

THE WORLD'S FAIR SITE.

The Forest Park Site, at St. Louis, Unanimously Approved by the National Convention.

OBJECTIONS TO THE SITE OVERRULED.

An Understanding Reached With the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company as to the Powers With Which the National Commission is Invested.

St. Louis, June 30.—Without a dissenting voice the Louisiana Purchase exposition national commission approved the Forest Park site as the location for the World's Fair site in 1903.

This is the third and last step in the site selection. The first step was taken Monday afternoon, when the executive committee selected the Forest Park site. The approval of the selection, Tuesday morning, by the board of directors, was the second step.

The national commission had been in session since Wednesday morning. On that day a visit was paid to Forest park under the guidance of the executive committee. Thursday two sessions of the committee were held, at which all phases of the site were canvassed. Two sessions were also held Friday, when the final action was taken.

"The commission received several communications from St. Louisans criticizing the selection of Forest park," says the commission. "One directed attention to the mooted legal difficulties involved. Others argued in favor of a river-front site. The commission considered all these communications, and approved the site with full knowledge of all the conditions."

"The approval of the site by the government commission, after an examination of all the legal questions involved, should stop once for all this talk of the existence of legal obstacles to the use of the park. The commission has in its make-up five lawyers—some as good as there are in the United States—Lindsey, Thurston, Carter, Glynn and Allen. The facts were fully placed before them, and they ruled that no legal obstacles existed. Opinions were also at hand from a number of learned St. Louis lawyers."

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Fourth—The appointment of all judges and examiners for the exposition.

Sixth—The awarding of premiums. Seventh—All the rules and regulations of the exposition company governing rates for entrance and admission fees, or otherwise affecting the rights, privileges or interests of the exhibitors, the public, or the exposition.

The document, in conclusion, asserted the right of the commission to supervise all expenditures of the exposition company. It said: "The government appropriation of \$5,000,000 does not become available until \$10,000,000 has first been expended by the Exposition company for the uses and purposes of the exposition, and this responsibility is placed upon this commission to attest that expenditure to the president of the United States."

It is manifest that the responsibility here thrown upon the commission involves the duty, and, therefore, the right, to inspect all contracts, examine all accounts, call for statements, and to refuse to recognize contracts or expenditures incurred unreasonable in terms of amount, or without the purview of the law.

At the Friday afternoon session of the commission, President Francis and the committee on buildings and grounds, on which William H. Thompson is chairman, conferred with the commission. It was decided that a minimum of \$5,000,000 would have to be expended on buildings by the Exposition company.

The commission adjourned about seven o'clock Friday night, subject to the call of the chair. Several of the commissioners, including Lindsey, Scott and Glynn, departed from St. Louis Friday night. All the others who will not make the trip to Buffalo with the board of directors left Saturday morning.

Heat and Drought in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., June 30.—To-day was the seventh day during which the mercury has reached more than 90 degrees, and the fourth during which it has reached 100.